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Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> St., S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *A National Broadband Plan for Our Future*, GN Docket No. 09-51; *Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers*, WC Docket No. 07-135; *Developing a Unified Inter-carrier Compensation Regime*, CC Docket No. 01-92; *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90; *High Cost Universal Service Support*, WC Docket No. 05-337; *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On April 17, 2012, I spoke with Christine Kurth, Policy Director and Wireline Counsel to Commissioner McDowell, via telephone. In this conversation I discussed the Petition for Clarification/Reconsideration that Frontier filed with Windstream.<sup>1</sup> The conversation focused upon the aspect of the *Petition* that asked the Commission to reconsider its decision to require broadband deployment to one location per \$775 in CAF Phase I support. Specifically, Frontier noted its support for Windstream's proposal with respect to CAF Phase I that appeared in ECFS on April 17, which would allow carriers additional flexibility to meet the Commission's CAF Phase I goals.<sup>2</sup> Frontier noted that allowing the increased flexibility that Windstream proposes would allow those carriers with very high-cost unserved areas to deploy broadband infrastructure in line with the Commission's broadband goals, creating better broadband for rural America.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §1.1206(b), this letter is being filed electronically with your office today.

Please feel free to contact me with any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael S. Smith".

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<sup>1</sup> See Petition for Reconsideration and/or Clarification filed by Frontier Communications Corp. and Windstream Communications, Inc. ("*Petition*"), WC Docket 10-90, et al., at 21-29 (filed Dec. 29, 2011).

<sup>2</sup> See Letter from Jennie B. Chandra, Windstream Communications, to Marlene H. Dortch, Federal Communications Commission, WC Dkt. 10-90 et al. (filed Apr. 17, 2012).

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